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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on April 27, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Claims have been made. For Examiner convenience, a listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.